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Field Crops

Alfalfa harvest is active on over half of the State's acreage. Alfalfa condition remains mostly good. Range and pasture conditions across the State are very poor to poor. Small grain planting is nearing completion.

Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped broccoli, cabbage, carrots, greens, iceberg lettuce, romaine lettuce, other lettuce, miscellaneous herbs, green onions, parsley, and spinach. Citrus produce was also shipped.

Western Arizona growers shipped broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, Chinese cabbage, celery, endive, escarole, green onions, greens, iceberg lettuce, romaine lettuce, other lettuce, miscellaneous Asian vegetables, miscellaneous herbs, parsley, and spinach. Citrus shipments included grapefruit, lemons, Navel oranges, and tangerines.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
			-Percent-		
Alfalfa	1	14	23	43	19
Range and Pasture	47	31	13	8	1

Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were mostly below normal for the week ending January 29. Temperatures ranged from 5 degrees below normal at Paloma to 4 degrees above normal at Phoenix. The highest temperature of the week was 78 degrees in Maricopa and Phoenix. The lowest reading occurred at Canyon De Chelly and

Grand Canyon at 4 degrees. Precipitation was reported at 10 of the 22 reporting stations. Canyon De Chelly received the highest amount of precipitation at 0.37 inches and Prescott received the lowest amount at 0.01 inches. All 22 reporting stations are at below normal precipitation levels for this time of year.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data January 23 - January 29, 2006

Temperature Precipitation Past Departure Jan. 1 Station Avg. Dep. 1/ High Low Week to Date From Normal Aguila 48 -2 72 28 0.00 0.00 -1.12 51 -3 76 29 0.00 0.00 -0.63 Buckeye -2 Canyon De Chelly 30 49 4 0.37 0.56 -0.12-3 76 23 Coolidge 50 0.00 0.00 -0.79Douglas 47 2 69 21 0.02 0.02 -0.6728 -2 45 9 0.23 Flagstaff 0.16 -1.67 -2 **Grand Canyon** 26 43 4 0.19 0.24 -2.1042 -3 24 61 0.00 0.00 -0.87Kingman Marana 53 0 76 28 0.00 0.00 -1.01 -2 Maricopa 51 78 28 0.00 0.00 -0.6551 -5 77 27 Paloma 0.00 0.00 -0.58Parker 52 -2 74 31 -0.770.00 0.00 2 Payson 41 60 20 0.17 0.21 -1.68 Phoenix 58 4 78 41 0.00 0.00 -0.6338 2 59 17 0.01 -1.39 Prescott 0.04 -4 Roll 52 77 29 0.00 0.00 -0.33Safford 44 -1 66 21 0.31 0.31 -0.332 St. Johns 36 58 10 0.12 0.14 -0.492 Tucson 54 72 34 0.00 0.00 -0.83 3 Willcox 46 67 21 0.16 0.16 -0.73-3 7 Winslow 32 53 0.03 0.05 -0.3655 -3 73 33 0.00 0.00 -0.26 Yuma

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^{1/} Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.